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## **ARIVACA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL DRUG AND GUN CHARGES**

TUCSON, Ariz. -- Robert J. Piehl, 39, of Arivaca, Ariz., pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute marijuana and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm in federal district court in Tucson. The plea agreement calls for Piehl to be sentenced to 15 years in federal prison. Sentencing is set before Judge John M. Roll on January 17, 2006.

On April 24, 2005, a federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment against Piehl. According to the indictment, Piehl was in possession of 3,040 kilograms of marijuana and a 9 mm semi-automatic hand gun. The indictment also alleged that Piehl had a prior Ohio state felony conviction for possession of marijuana.

The investigation in this case was conducted by DEA and prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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